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the death of Kant, for a series of papers on 'Kant's present significance.' There will also be a paper in recognition of the bicentenary of the death of Locke. It is hoped that one session may be held conjointly with the Psychological Association. In addition to these special features, a full and varied program is assured by the large number of papers already offered.

THE San Francisco section of the American Mathematical Society holds its meetings alternately at the University of California and Stanford University, in September and February, respectively. The next meeting will be held at Stanford University on February 25. Professor M. V. Haskell is president and Professor G. A. Miller, secretary of the section.

At the recent Princeton meeting of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics of the Middle States and Maryland, officers were elected as follows: *President*, Professor Thomas Scott Fiske, Columbia University; *vice-president*, Dean H. B. Fine, Princeton University; *secretary*, Arthur Schultze, High School of Commerce, New York City; *members of the council*, Professor Edwin S. Crawley, University of Pennsylvania, and Miss Jenny Van Vleck, Girls' High School, Brooklyn.

THE American Society of Mechanical Engineers is meeting in New York this week. Mr. Ambrose Swasey, the retiring president, announced as the subject of his address 'The Achievements of the Engineer with respect to exact Measurements.' Mr. John R. Freeman, of Providence, R. I., has been nominated for president next year.

THE opening meeting of the eighty-sixth session of the British Institution of Civil Engineers took place on November 1. Sir William White, the retiring president, took the chair at the opening of the meeting, and he was supported by Sir Guilford Molesworth, the incoming president, Sir Benjamin Baker, Sir William Preece, Professor Unwin, Colonel Crompton, Sir J. Wolfe Barry, Mr. Alexander Siemens, Dr. Kennedy, Sir Alexander Binnie, Mr. C. Hawksley, Mr. J. C. Hawkshaw, Dr. Elgar, Mr. Yarrow, Sir John Thornycroft,

Sir George Bruce, Mr. R. A. Hadfield and Dr. Tudsbery (secretary).

THE Ben Nevis Meteorological Observatories were closed on October 1, after having been in operation for nearly twenty-one years. The cost of the observatories and improvements was about \$35,000 provided by subscription, and the annual cost of maintenance had been about \$5,000, most of which was privately subscribed.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE New York *Evening Post* states that Sir William Macdonald is perfecting his plans for the new agricultural college and experimental farm which, under the supervision of Professor Robertson, late of the Government Experimental Farm at Ottawa, he is to establish at St. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal. About seven hundred acres of land have been secured by the founder, who declares that the college is a personal affair of his own, and that he does not intend to be bound down to any definite sum of money in the completion of his work. The erection of the buildings will be commenced next spring, and the whole cost is expected to be between one and two million dollars. The institution will be patterned after the agricultural college at Guelph, and the experimental farm at Ottawa.

THE Oxford Congregation by a vote of 200 to 164 has rejected the proposal that in the entrance examinations candidates who are seeking honors in mathematics or natural science may be allowed to substitute French or German for Greek.

At a dinner of the Oxford Colonial Club, held on November 14, Lord Roseberry announced that the Rhodes Trustees, hearing that the university was in some danger, from want of the necessary means, of losing their present teacher of pathology, were prepared to contribute £200 a year for five years.

DR. LEO LOEB has been appointed assistant professor of pathology at University of Pennsylvania.

MR. R. G. D. RICHARDSON has been appointed instructor in mathematics at Yale University.